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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BASE DISCUSSIONS: PRESENTATION MARCH 18 TO
GENERAL ESPINO ON EQUIPMENT LIST

REF: (A) STATE 67001, (B) STATE 67410, (C) MANILA 4258

1. IN MAKING DETAILED PRESENTATION ON EQUIPMENT LIST TO
ESPINO MARCH 18 (REFTELS), AMBASSADOR WILL OPEN BY
INDICATING ORALLY THAT THE DOD SURVEY TEAM HAS IDENTIFIED
HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD
BE AVAILABLE, SUPPORTABLE AND HAVE COST ADVANTAGES. AMBASSADOR
WILL STRESS THAT THESE ITEMS ARE NOT PRESENTED IN THE
FORM OF AN OFFER BUT RATHER AS AN INDICATION OF WHAT WE
BELIEVE POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE. HE WILL EMPHASIZE THAT
WE WILL LOOK TO THE GOP TO DECIDE WHAT ITEMS TO SEEK TO
PROCURE AND HOW TO PROCURE THEM, WHETHER THAT BE THROUGH
THE THREE FORMS OF COMPENSATION WE ARE OFFERING (SSA,
MAP OR FMS) OR STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL PURCHASE. THE
AMBASSADOR WILL INDICATE THAT WE WILL MAKE OUR BEST EFFORT

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TO SUPPORT THE GOP DECISIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY, ARMS TRANSFER POLICY
CONSTRAINTS AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE.
AMBASSADOR WILL NOTE THAT THE LIST OF EQUIPMENT WE BELIEVE
WOULD BE AVAILABLE DOES SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEED THE COMPENSATION
WE ARE OFFERING. BGEN MAPP OF JUSMAG WILL THEN MAKE ORAL
PRESENTATION ON WHAT IS AVAILABLE, DRAWING EXTENSIVELY

FROM PAR 3 OF REF B.

2. WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE WRITTEN TEXT OR SUMMARY
PROVIDED IN PARA 3 OF REF B, TO AVOID THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN
IMMEDIATE AND POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE FOCUS ON (A) WHAT
THE LIST WOULD SEEM TO TOTAL IN DOLLAR TERMS AND (B)
THE FACT THAT SOME DESIRED ITEMS DO NOT APPEAR.
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